

101 Things To Do On Lake Minnetonka

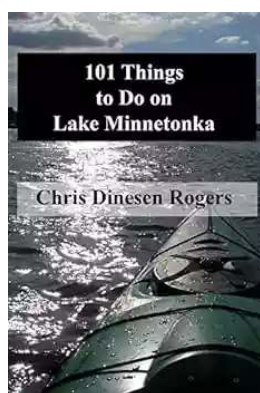
Are you looking for a fun-filled adventure on the beautiful Lake Minnetonka? Look no further! We present to you 101 exciting things to do on Lake Minnetonka that will make your visit a memorable one. Get ready for a perfect blend of relaxation, exploration, and thrilling activities!

1. Explore the Lake with a Kayak

Glide through the calm waters of Lake Minnetonka in a kayak and immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery. Discover hidden coves and peaceful spots while enjoying the serenity of the lake.

2. Rent a Pontoon for a Day

Gather your family and friends and rent a pontoon boat for a day of fun. Cruise along the lake, soak up the sun, swim, fish, and indulge in a picnic on board!



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3. Go Fishing

With over 14,000 acres of water, Lake Minnetonka offers excellent fishing opportunities. Cast your line and try your luck at catching walleye, muskie, bass, and more.

4. Enjoy Water Sports

Try your hand at water skiing, wakeboarding, or tubing and experience the thrill of gliding across the lake's surface. Don't forget to capture those precious moments!

5. Take a Sunset Cruise

Witness the mesmerizing beauty of Lake Minnetonka during a sunset cruise. Relax on a luxurious boat, sip your favorite beverage, and let the vibrant colors of the sky captivate you.

6. Visit the Historic Excelsior

Explore the charming town of Excelsior located on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. Stroll through the streets lined with unique boutiques, dine at cozy restaurants, and soak in the captivating ambiance.

7. Go Sailing

Feel the wind in your hair and embark on a sailing adventure. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a beginner, Lake Minnetonka provides the perfect setting for an unforgettable sailing experience.

8. Attend a Lakeside Concert

Enjoy live music by the lake at one of the many concerts held during the summer months. From local bands to renowned artists, Lake Minnetonka offers a diverse range of musical experiences.

9. Visit Lord Fletcher's

Indulge in delicious food and drinks at the iconic Lord Fletcher's restaurant. With its prime location on the lake, it's the perfect spot to dine while enjoying a stunning view.

10. Go Windsurfing

If you're seeking an adventurous water sport, try windsurfing on Lake Minnetonka. Harness the power of the wind and feel the excitement as you glide across the water.

11. Have a Beach Day at Big Island

Pack your beach essentials and head to Big Island, a popular spot for sunbathing and swimming. With its sandy beach and crystal-clear water, it's a slice of paradise on Lake Minnetonka.

12. Take a Photography Tour

Capture the beauty of Lake Minnetonka through your lens. Join a photography tour and learn from professionals while exploring hidden gems and stunning vistas.

13. Visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Just a short drive away from Lake Minnetonka, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum offers a picturesque escape. Take a leisurely stroll through the gardens and immerse yourself in nature's tranquility.

14. Try Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Challenge your balance and core strength with stand-up paddleboarding. Lake Minnetonka's calm waters provide an ideal environment for this popular water

activity.

15. Have a Lakeside Picnic

Pack a delicious picnic and find a cozy spot along the lake's shoreline. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance, stunning views, and the company of your loved ones while savoring a delightful meal.

16. Explore the Lake by Jet Ski

If you crave speed and adrenaline, rent a jet ski and zip across Lake Minnetonka's open waters. Feel the thrill as you navigate the waves and experience the lake like never before.

17. Visit the Wayzata Bay Beach

With its sandy beach, volleyball courts, and playground, Wayzata Bay Beach is a fantastic destination for families. Perfect for a day filled with swimming, sandcastle building, and outdoor games.

18. Go Ice Fishing in Winter

When winter arrives, Lake Minnetonka turns into a playground for ice fishing enthusiasts. Set up your ice shelter and try your luck at catching perch, crappie, and northern pike.

19. Rent a Lakeside Cabin

Make your stay on Lake Minnetonka even more memorable by renting a lakeside cabin. Wake up to stunning views, unwind on a private deck, and relish the tranquility of the surroundings.

20. Attend the Water Ski Show

Head to one of the local beaches or parks and watch a thrilling water ski show. Marvel at the talented skiers as they perform daring tricks and jumps on the lake's surface.

21. Discover Wild Marsh Golf Club

For golf enthusiasts, Wild Marsh Golf Club is a must-visit destination near Lake Minnetonka. Enjoy a round of golf surrounded by stunning natural landscapes and scenic views.

22. Go Birdwatching

Lake Minnetonka is home to a plethora of bird species. Grab your binoculars, visit the lake's nature reserves, and witness the beauty of various birds in their natural habitat.

23. Take a Dinner Cruise

Indulge in a fine dining experience with a dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka. Delight in exquisite cuisine, live entertainment, and the romantic ambiance of cruising beneath the moonlit sky.

24. Visit the Gale Woods Farm

For animal lovers, a visit to Gale Woods Farm is a must. Interact with farm animals, go on a tractor ride, and learn about sustainable farming practices in a scenic lakeside setting.

25. Explore Historic Minnetonka Cave

Discover the wonders of the Minnetonka Cave, located near Lake Minnetonka. Venture deep into the cave and witness its stunning stalactite formations and unique geological features.

26. Go Horseback Riding

Embark on a horseback riding adventure near Lake Minnetonka. Explore picturesque trails, admire beautiful nature, and create unforgettable memories on horseback.

27. Take a Hot Air Balloon Ride

Rise above Lake Minnetonka and take in breathtaking aerial views during a hot air balloon ride. Experience the serenity and tranquility as you float above the picturesque landscapes.

28. Try Lakeside Yoga

Find your inner peace and rejuvenate your mind and body with lakeside yoga sessions. Let the soothing sounds of the lake and the fresh air enhance your yoga practice.

29. Visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

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30. Go Wine Tasting

Indulge in the flavors of local wineries near Lake Minnetonka. Take a wine tasting tour and savor a variety of wines crafted with care in the surrounding vineyards.

31. Take a Segway Tour

Explore Lake Minnetonka and its surrounding areas on a fun and exciting segway tour. Cruise along the lake's shores, visit local attractions, and enjoy an immersive sightseeing experience.

32. Visit the Noerenberg Memorial Gardens

Experience the tranquility of the Noerenberg Memorial Gardens, nestled on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. Take a leisurely walk, admire the stunning flower displays, and find a peaceful spot to relax.

33. Go Camping

Pack your camping gear and spend a night under the stars at one of Lake Minnetonka's picturesque campgrounds. Engage in a campfire, share stories, and immerse yourself in nature.

34. Witness the Winter Ice Races

During the winter months, Lake Minnetonka hosts thrilling ice races. Watch as drivers navigate their specially modified vehicles on the frozen lake, showcasing their skills and agility.

35. Enjoy Lakeside Dining

Experience the ultimate gastronomic delight with lakeside dining. Choose from a range of restaurants offering scenic lake views, delectable cuisine, and a memorable dining experience.

36. Take a Scenic Drive

Enjoy a scenic drive around Lake Minnetonka and take in the breathtaking views. Drive along winding roads, cross historic bridges, and create unforgettable memories along the way.

37. Visit the Minnetonka Center for the Arts

Art enthusiasts will appreciate a visit to the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Explore the galleries, participate in workshops, and admire the talents of local

artists.

38. Attend the Minnetonka Summer Festival

Join the vibrant atmosphere of the Minnetonka Summer Festival. Enjoy live music, food trucks, art exhibits, and a variety of entertaining activities for the whole family.

39. Take a Helicopter Tour

Get a bird's-eye view of Lake Minnetonka and its surroundings with a thrilling helicopter tour. Marvel at the stunning landscapes and capture breathtaking aerial photographs.

40. Go Ice Skating

When winter freezes the lake, lace up your skates and glide across the ice. Enjoy the magic of ice skating on Lake Minnetonka, accompanied by stunning winter scenery.

41. Visit the Heritage Center

Explore the history and heritage of Lake Minnetonka at the Heritage Center. Discover artifacts, photographs, and stories that provide insight into the lake's rich cultural past.

42. Take a Historical Cruise

Learn about the fascinating history of Lake Minnetonka on a historical cruise. Discover the stories behind the lake's landmarks, mansions, and iconic sites.

43. Have a Lakeside Bonfire

Gather around a cozy lakeside bonfire and enjoy the warmth as you share laughter and stories with friends and family. Roast marshmallows and create lasting memories.

44. Visit the Upper Lake Beach

Escape to the tranquility of the Upper Lake Beach. Unwind on the sandy shores, take a refreshing swim, and bask in the peacefulness of this secluded spot.

45. Go Snowshoeing

When winter blankets the landscape, strap on a pair of snowshoes and embark on a snowshoeing adventure. Traverse the snowy trails, breathe in the crisp air, and enjoy the serene winter surroundings.

46. Attend a Lakeside Yoga Retreat

Immerse yourself in a lakeside yoga retreat on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. Reconnect with yourself, practice yoga in stunning surroundings, and rejuvenate your mind and body.

47. Explore the Noerenberg Gardens

The Noerenberg Gardens is a hidden gem near Lake Minnetonka. Discover beautifully landscaped gardens, scenic picnic spots, and picturesque paths for a peaceful escape.

48. Take a Segway Tour of Excelsior

Explore the charming town of Excelsior on a segway tour. Cruise through the streets, learn about its history, and witness the stunning views of Lake Minnetonka from different vantage points.

49. Visit the Minnetonka Orchards

Experience the flavors of the season at the Minnetonka Orchards. Pick your own apples, enjoy hayrides, and savor freshly baked pies while surrounded by beautiful orchards.

50. Go Wildlife Spotting

Lake Minnetonka is home to a variety of wildlife. Grab your binoculars and embark on a wildlife spotting adventure. Keep an eye out for birds, deer, foxes, and more.

51. Explore the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail

Take a leisurely walk or bike ride along the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail. Enjoy picturesque views of the lake, lush greenery, and refreshing lakeside breezes.

52. Attend a Local Festival

Lake Minnetonka and its surrounding communities host a variety of festivals throughout the year. From art festivals to food events, there's always something exciting happening around the lake.

53. Discover the Burwell House

Step back in time and visit the historic Burwell House. Learn about the pioneers who settled around Lake Minnetonka and explore the well-preserved rooms and artifacts.

54. Take a Wine and Cheese Cruise

Indulge in a sophisticated wine and cheese cruise on Lake Minnetonka. Savor a variety of fine wines paired with delectable cheeses as you cruise through the scenic lake.

55. Explore the Lake on a Stand-Up Pedal Board

Get a full-body workout while exploring the lake on a stand-up pedal board. Engage your core, enjoy the scenery, and feel the tranquility as you glide across the water.

56. Visit The Landing-Minnesota River Heritage Park

Learn about the cultural heritage of the area by visiting The Landing-Minnesota River Heritage Park. Experience life in the 1800s through interactive exhibits, historic buildings, and reenactments.

57. Have a Lakeside Wedding

Lake Minnetonka provides a picturesque setting for a dream lakeside wedding. Exchange vows with the shimmering lake as your backdrop and create lifelong memories in a beautiful setting.

58. Visit the Excelsior Brewing Company

Indulge in the flavors of locally brewed craft beer at the Excelsior Brewing Company. Take a brewery tour, sample a variety of beers, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

59. Go Geocaching

Embark on a geocaching adventure and search for hidden treasures around Lake Minnetonka. Use GPS coordinates to navigate your way and discover hidden gems along the lake's shores.

60. Attend an Art Class

Tap into your creative side and attend an art class near Lake Minnetonka. Learn new techniques, express yourself through various mediums, and discover your

artistic talents.

61. Explore the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society

Gain insight into the history of Lake Minnetonka by visiting the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society. Learn about the lake's transformation over the years through unique artifacts and exhibits.

62. Take a Scenic Railroad Ride

Embark on a scenic railroad ride and witness stunning landscapes around Lake Minnetonka. Enjoy the nostalgic experience of traveling by train and capture breathtaking photos along the way.

63. Go Snow Tubing

Experience the thrill of snow tubing on Lake Minnetonka during the winter months. Slide down the snowy hills and feel the rush of adrenaline as you enjoy this fun-filled winter activity.

64. Visit the Excelsior Art on the Lake

Art enthusiasts won't want to miss Art on the Lake, an annual event held in Excelsior. Explore a wide variety of artworks, meet artists, and immerse yourself in the vibrant art scene.

65. Take a Nature Walk at the Minnetonka City Center

Enjoy a peaceful nature walk at the Minnetonka City Center. Explore the scenic trails, observe wildlife, and take in the tranquility of this natural oasis.

66. Go Snowmobiling

When winter blankets Lake Minnetonka with snow, experience the exhilaration of snowmobiling. Explore the scenic trails, feel the rush of speed, and enjoy the winter wonderland.

67. Visit the Old Log Theatre

Experience live theater at the historic Old Log Theatre near Lake Minnetonka. Enjoy captivating performances, laugh, cry, and immerse yourself in the world of storytelling.

68. Take a Hot Tub Boat Ride

Unwind and relax on a hot tub boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka. Relax in a luxurious hot tub while enjoying the stunning scenery and the soothing sounds of the lake.

69. Explore the Gale Woods Boat Launch

Discover the Gale Woods Boat Launch and enjoy the peacefulness of the lake. Launch your own boat, explore the waters at your own pace, and escape the hustle and bustle.

70. Go Nordic Skiing

Experience the thrill of gliding through snowy landscapes on cross-country skis. Lake Minnetonka's surrounding areas offer a variety of Nordic skiing trails for all skill levels.

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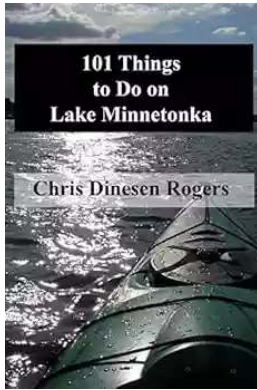
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Did you know what Frank Lloyd Wright, Lizzie Borden, and the Andrew Sisters all had in common? You can find these answers and more in the book, 101 Things to Do on Lake Minnetonka. The book offers 101 reasons why Lake Minnetonka is simply the best lake in Minnesota.

101 Things to Do on Lake Minnetonka combines history with a road map of outdoor recreation and fun things to do on the Big Water. Sections about each of the 12 towns around the lake take readers on a journey of adventure and living history. A final chapter gives the reader the inside track on the cool festivals, outdoor recreation, and other fun things to do on the Big Water.

Aimed at newcomers, residents, and history buffs alike, 101 Things to Do on Lake Minnetonka highlights the greatest and best attractions around the lake. Fun trivia and history of the area give a taste of the many stories of the lake for your armchair travels. Get the definitive guide to Lake Minnetonka, and begin your adventure today!



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